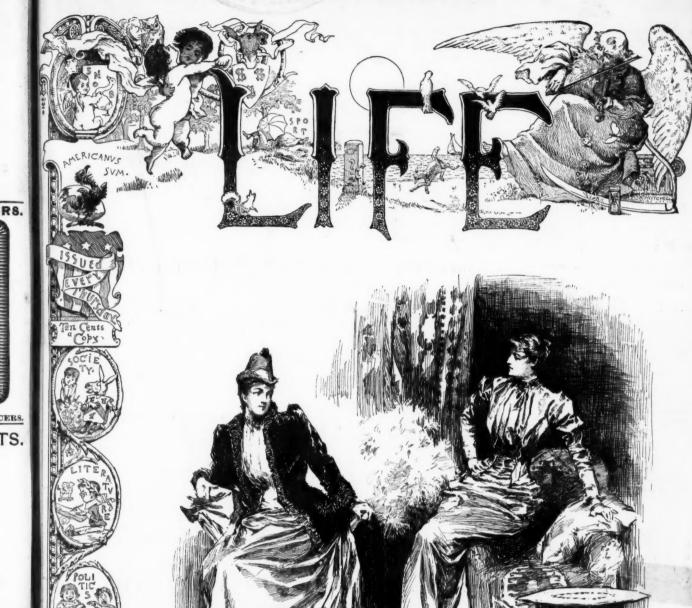
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R. S. V. P.

"I THOUGHT the President only appointed first-class post-masters?"

"So he does."

"Then who the deuce appointed Wanamaker?"

A TRUE SIGN.

JONES: There was a dog howling under my window last night, and—

SMITH (knowingly): That was a sign of death.

JONES: You bet it was! And, as I was going to say, it was the first time I ever found a brick when I wanted one.

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AMY: What an absurd habit that is of young Dalley's—always sucking his cane.

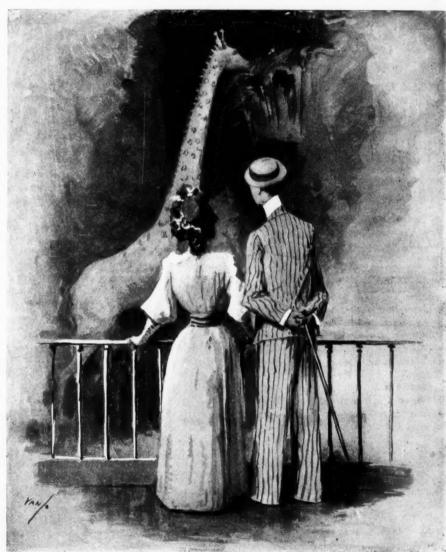
SUSIE: I think it is a good plan. It keeps him from talking, you know.

A PPLICANT (to reporter): Are there
any vacancies here?

REPORTER: Yes, there's one on the shoulders of the City Editor.



ISUMING THE MIDNIGHT OIL.



He: What a pity that a cweature with such natural advantages shouldn't have a collah to wear!

 $Y^{\text{ES,"}}$ said the telegraph lineman, "I have been a great traveler in my day. I have traveled from one pole to another hundreds of times and have been in all sorts of climbs."

TED: Do you really think marriage makes a man give up all his bachelor friendships? NED: Yes. If his wife is very pretty.



"While there's Life there's Hope.

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'HE expense of maintaining an American representative at the Court of St. James is not excessive for a country like ours; still, it is an expense, and it is natural that we thrifty Yankees should be pleased when we conceive that it has paid us. Sometimes some of us think that it doesn't pay and wave our shillalahs and shout "To the devil with thim dudes!"- meaning our whole diplomatic service. Thus, some of us Yankees grumbled at Mr. Phelps when he was our man in London and declared that he showed inadequate spunk and even lacked manly interest in the dear green isle where such troops of us were born; nor were we altogether pacified at learning of our man's extraordinary glibness and felicity of speech, which seemed to be largely employed in facilitating the digestions of our transatlantic cousins.

Never mind; we are getting our money's worth out of Mr. Phelps now. He acquired the habit of throwing off information in London, and now it is fixed on him, and for want of kings and dukes to enlighten he broke out not long ago before the Phi Beta Kappa, and more recently in the maga-

This is honorable and square of him and proves that he is not the haughty aristocrat he has been called. What is his is ours—that is the way he feels, and, of course, that is right. He says this is the age of words. He ought to know. He says we can't speak or think, live or die, as we ought because of the overwhelming flood of printed stuff that comes sputtering around and past us and refuses to be damned. He says that our favorite books are drivel and our newspapers scandal-mongering sheets, and he even declares that our Congressional Record and Patent Office Reports are not as valuable as they might be.

R. PHELPS'S impression of nineteenth-century newspapers must have been gained during his residence in England and while he was obliged to peruse the British press. He could not have formed such opinions in this course try, for the American journal he takes in is, notoriously, the Evening Post, and the Post is a nice paper. We are sorry

necessity it is under of taking notice of the British aristocracy, sections of which are well known to be so lamentably tough as to soil any journal which has to speak of them.

Mr. Phelps says we read novels, too. We do, stacks of them; but the sting comes in at the same place again. They are mostly British novels. Our Patent Office Reports are our own, and - indeed, sir, you are right about them-they are dull reading. But the bulk of our novels are British interlopers.

It is the age of words, Mr. Phelps, but look on the bright side of it. The people who read all the slop you complain of have only known how to read a little while and would not have known at all if they had lived in the last century LIFE's hope is - and it should be shared by so fluent a person as you - that the popular taste will improve. Then with the habit of reading fixed upon a great population, what a driving trade we will have, to be sure. It does improve LIFE'S very existence proves that. Age of words, is it, sir i Well, after all, words constitute the most conspicuous difference between us and monkeys, and it is a difference that is usually conceded to be in our favor.

T is a little late to speak of it, but the Union Club, of New York, owes it to the public to put a caretaker of some sort in charge of itself, who will see that its domestic concerns do not transpire beyond its walls. We, the People with our own affairs and the destinies of the nation on our shoulders, have all the worriment we care to stagger under without taking sides in the Club's intestine disputes. No macedonian cry coming through the newspapers shall in fluence us, king or no king, to heave so much as a pebble at the Union Club's governors. The Club's appeal has reached us and it is denied.

THERE are plenty of scoffs at Harvard for her action in getting out of the Intercollegiate Football Association Whatever may be the merits of her dispute with Princeton this much is certain-that the least intercollegiate spor that is consistent with a healthy interest in athletics in an college the better. If Harvard's contests with Yale are enough to keep her young men in a wholesome state o physical activity so much the better for her. Pie is a good thing, but a man is no gainer for eating six kinds after din ner. One large piece of a satisfactory variety is enough To live on pie isn't wholesome. The question is - and since the Princeton-Yale Thanksgiving Day game it has been a serious one-whether Yale and Harvard can provide tor one another large enough slices of that particular pie which has footballs in it without Princeton's help?



MANY days have passed since the Civil Service Commission laid before the President the evidence showing that Mahone's Old Dominion Republican League had violated the law against political assessments, but the President has not yet ordered the Attorney-General to prosecute the accused.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1889.

My Dear Wanny:

Go home at once and all will be forgiven.

THE PUBLIC.

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WINDSOR, Nov. 1, 1889.

Dom Pedro, Esq.:

Dear Dom:

If you get there before I do, tell them that I'm coming too.

Yours ever.

VICTORIA REGINA GUELPH.

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Dec. 1, 1889.

My Dearovitch Czar:

Whenski are you going upovitch? R. S. V. Peski. Yours,

DYNAMITOWSKI.

IV.

Dec. 3, 1889.

Dear Dynamitowski:

I don't know. I may go at any moment. My Major-Domo will escort you to Siberia to-morrow.

Yours,

ALEXANDROVITCH.
Winter Palasowski.

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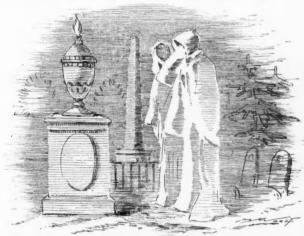
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Yours,

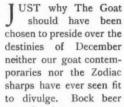
GREELY.

Carlyle Smith.



First Female Spirit: WHY ARE YOU UNHAPPY? WHY DO YOU WEEP?

Second Female Spirit: Look at the inscription on my tomb!
THEY'VE MADE ME A YEAR OLDER THAN I REALLY WAS! OH, I SHALL NEVER KNOW WHAT REST MEANS!



is out of season, the circus poster no longer adorns the walls, the Harlem precipices are too slippery for agree-

able goat exercise, and the tomato can is even less esculent, juicy and inviting than at any other season of the year. We shall simply have to set it down to the innate cussedness of the ancients, who arranged the seasons to suit their own selfish fancies and without any regard to the convenience of posterity.

A HASTY CONCLUSION.

A PPLICANT (sadly, to proof-reader): I see you are all full here.

PROOF-READER: Oh, come in; don't be discouraged. You mustn't judge everything by the wastepaper basket and the City Editor.



NECESSARY PREPARATIONS.

Visitor: I SUPPOSE YOUR DAUGHTER IS BUSILY PRE-PARING FOR HER WEDDING.

Mother: Yes; she is up in her room now, destroying all her old letters.



IN KENTUCKY.

Eastern Savage: One of your prominent citizens?

Col. Blugrass: YAAS,
Eastern Savage: KILLED IN THE WAR?

Col. Blugrass: No. He Honestly Believed Majah Snapshot to Be a Sniveling, cowardly cur, and told him so at the court house one day.

AN UNFORTUNATE PAUSE.

I'VE half a mind," said Brown, and then he paused And brushed some dust from off his hat; "Indeed?" quoth Bronson with a smile. "I'd not Have thought you had as much as that."

HE WANTED RAPID TRANSIT.

FARMER OATCAKE (on elevated train): I wish you'd hurry this thing up; I want to git to Fifty-ninth Street!

TRAIN GUARD (paralyzed): Beg pardon, mister, have you bought the whole road or only leased this car?

STRANGER (in Philadelphia): What is all this noise and confusion? Has the town gone daft?

RESIDENT (pityingly): Why, man, you're way behind the times—we're celebrating—Yorktown has surrendered.

BEGORRA," said Bridget, as she opened a bottle of champagne for the first time, "the blame fool that filled this quart botthle must 'a' put two quarts in instid av wan!"

SARAH BERNHARDT.

Nature was good to Sarah Bernhardt in fitting her for either of two artistic careers. She chose, however, to be a great actress in preference to dazzling the world as the greatest Living Skeleton of her time. It is harder work to be a great actress than to be a successful freak, but the rewards are correspondingly greater. As she has a pretty faculty for spending money, and is likewise of Semitic descent, she naturally took her talents to the market where the shekels were plentiest.

Had Sarah Bernhardt lived in Chicago her social position would doubtless have been better than it is. The French divorce mill grinds so slowly and so exceedingly fine that her transcendent genius could not brook its delays, and the original matrimonial schemes she devised for her own use do not meet with the approval of her neighbors.

Her originality also extends to other matters and tends to weaken her popularity. Her habit of sleeping in a coffin casts a gloom over the neighborhood in which she lives, and her best-loved pet is a young tiger with an uncontrollable appetite for plump waiters. The proprietors of the hotels she visits do not like to have their best waiters turned into tiger meat, and therefore her patronage is not generally solicited.

It is in bad taste, perhaps, even in a biography or an obituary, to expose a lady's real age, but under the rule that a woman is only as old as she looks it will do no harm to reveal the fact that Sarah Bernhardt, or, to use her real name, Rosine Bernard, is now in the forty-sixth year of her age.

NEW BOOKS.

OUR BOOK. By Washington Frothingham and Charlemagne Tower. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

Mike Fletcher. By George Moore. New York: Minerva Publishing Co.

A Mad Lovie. By Émile Zola. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

Misora. New York: G. W. Dillingham.

"Why so?"

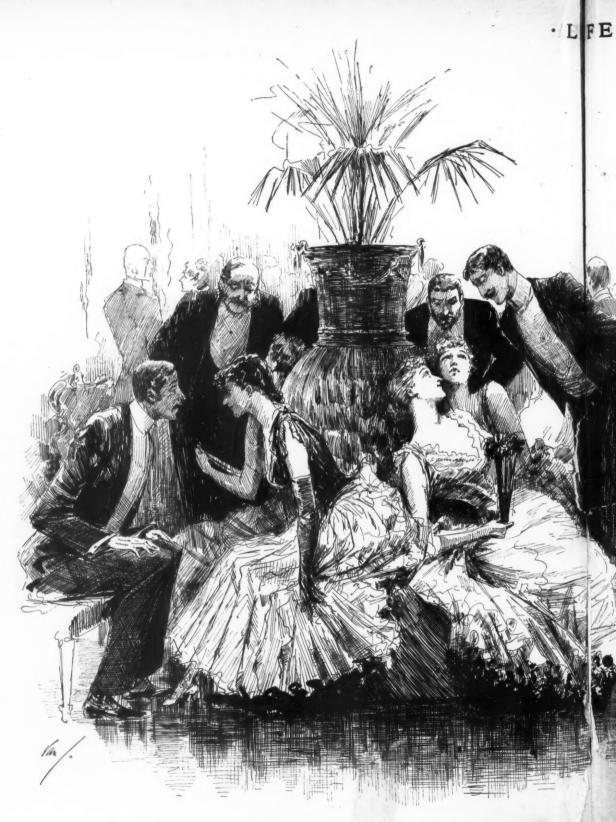
"I just saw the fool-killer reading the Mail and Express."



"SIZING HIMEUP."



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H CONVERSATION

THEY LOVE IT! THEY KNOW THAT LATER THEY WILL HAVE FOOD, INDIGESTIBLE, BUT WITH MORE TALK.

BUT THERE ARE THINGS.

E WOLF HOPPER, not content with his eminence as a comedian and baseball crank, is about to try for new glories, as a manager. He is naturally

or unnaturally baldheaded, and therefore hair-pulling primadonnas have no terrors for him. He has a length of limb which particularly fits him for pedestrian exercise, and he will doubtless distinguish himself on the road. But Mr. Hopper has given the laughing public such cause for gratitude that no one wants to see his pedestrian capabilities put to the test.



OH, monument of ancient Rome,

Mute ruin of the centuries, Silence and Death have here

Amid thy vast solemnities, Where once in purple glooms and shades

The happy, laughing people went

To loiter in thy dim arcades, Or throng thy cavea's gay ascent!

Far down on yon arena's sands
Once was the mimic war of ships;
Once gladiators' dying hands
Strove at the tigers' bloody lips,
And once long spears and blades of steel
Grew red and flashed with thrust and pass
Where now the winds assail in zeal
The glimmering spears and blades of grass.

Seated upon thy highest stone
In this Italian afternoon,
I well might dream of ages gone,
Of harp and flute and cymbal's tune,
Of banners, robes of costly dyes,
Of eager sandals on the stairs,
Of earnest faces, shouts and cries,
Of lions loosened from their lairs.

But I, a plain American,

Look down from here without regret,
Each vacant, tumbling terrace scan,
And, smiling, smoke a cigarette.

Not with Vespasian's pomp and power,
When round him noble Romans sat,
Alone I idle here an hour
And watch yon prowling modern cat.

Frederick Peterson.

HIS FIRST ATTEMPT.







A CHANCE FOR MR. GERRY.

The Big One, named Tilly: THEY KIN TALK ERBOUT PER-WENTION OV CRUELTY TO CHILDREN AS MUCH AS THEY LIKE, BUT THEY'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP IT WHILE SICH PLACES REMAINS OPEN, AN' DON'T YER FORGIT IT!

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NCE I knew thee poor, Now I love thee rich. For thy dear sake I could endure Larger dividends-if sure.

THE HORRID THING.

M ISS ADIPOSE: I think the gentlemen in New York are very polite. Three of them got up to give me a seat in the car to-day.

MISS BONEY: And you took all three, I presume?

THE LAW'S DELAYS.

"A NY applications for policies?" "Yes. Here's a fellow who'se sentenced to death by electricity wants a ten-year policy on his life."

"Oh, take it. It's a safe risk."

FORCE OF HABIT.

M. BULLION BAG (to Count Spaghetti, about to marry his daughter): See here, Count, let me give you a tip.

COUNT SPAGHETTI (holding out his hand): Sank you sare.

I N man the beard grows on the face, but the lion is bearded in his den, if we may believe the writers.

B^{AD BOY} (getting in a body blow): There, take that!
GOOD BOY (folding his arms with a saintly expression): No, Tommy, I will not hit you back because I promised mother that I would never strike a playmate, but (kicking him in the stomach) how do you like that?





New Policeman: Here now, none of that! You jist git into them shoes and come along with me. Ye'll crack no houses this night.

Gentleman of the House (getting in late): SH! SH! YOU'LL WAKE THE BABY-

HOW TO BEHAVE.

AT THE THEATRE.

I. Remove your hat upon entering the auditorium, particularly if it is a straw hat in midwinter. Nothing more quickly demonstrates lack of social position than the wearing of a straw hat in December.

II. Do not pin your programme to the back of the person in the seat before you. This rule must be observed with particular attention when the person in the seat before you is a lady dressed in décolleté costume.

III. In entering the theatre late remember that etiquette does not require you to kick the beaver hat you are likely to see in the aisle further than the orchestra rail.

IV. Do not smoke while there are ladies on the stage, or climb over the music stand of the leader of the orchestra to light a cigarette at the footlights.

Gentlemen seated in the front row must remember not to put their umbrellas or canes in the trombone, nor is it *de rigueur* to use the end of the flute or flageolet pointed toward you for a hat-rack.

VI. No matter how overheated the theatre may be, gentlemen may not remove their dress coats and collars, even though they may be unaccompanied by ladies.

VII. Never, under any circumstances, must you interfere with the play. If the hero is making a fool of himself let him do so, and do not attempt to explain away the difficulties that arise in the first act, for, as a rule, if they were explained the play could not go on.

VIII. Be just in the distribution of your applause. If you think the supers carry on tables and chairs with greater ease than the villain dies or the hero proposes applaud the supers. Never hiss a super, however. He may lay for you outside.

IX. Should you suddenly remember as the curtain falls on the last act that you have seen the play before, do not demand the return of your money, but write a letter to the papers and denounce the managers as swindling hypocrites and dealers in chestnuts.

X. Except at amateur performances it is not considered good form to laugh when the heroine dies.

XI. Flowers are an appropriate tribute to actors and actresses and may with propriety be thrown upon the stage, but fruit, vegetables, and other delicacies and indelicacies of the season are tabooed in polite circles.

XII. In putting on your overcoat at the conclusion of the performance endeavor not to knock off the hats of any of the ladies within reach, and as far as possible refrain from gouging out eyes and breaking ribs or noses with your elbow.

XIII. Ladies must not put their overshoes in the silk hats of gentlemen in the front seats, nor on rainy days should gentlemen stand their dripping umbrellas in the ladies' rubbers.

XIV. Bonbons may be eaten in the theatre with perfect propriety, but ham sandwiches, anchovy toast and Welsh rarebit should be kept at home to be eaten after the performance.

A MODEST MAIDEN.

HE: Will you share my lot?
SHE: How large is your lot?
HE: The world is my parish.
SHE: No-I don't want the earth.

THE musical critic should necessarily be a man of good sound judgment.



LOVE A LA MODE.

Maude: OH, ELSIE! WHY, I HAVE NOT SEEN YOU FOR YEARS! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING WITH YOURSELF?

Elsie: I've been getting married!

Maude: Getting married for Love?

Elsie: Yes, for Love—of money—





MAKING A NOISE IN THE WORLD.

S murder going on near by?
Do Greeks again sack Troy?
What means this thrilling, curdling cry?
They're washing baby boy.

-Detroit Critic.

MULDOON: I say, McCarthy, did you vote wid yer party?

McCarthy: Did I vote wid me party? Seven times.—Satur. day Evening Herald.

BOOK AGENT: Going from books to babies, madam, that's a fine Young Holm : Going from books to bables, madain, that s a nine youngster. Allow me to congratulate you.

Young Woman: Sir, that baby is not mine.

Book AGENT: I repeat, madam, allow me to congratulate you.—

Boston Gazette.

HE: I am awfully sorry, Miss Marjorie, but your lips were so near—the temptation—forgive me, I promise never to do so again.
SHE (tearfully anxious): Never again?
HE (contritely): Never!
SHE (with conviction NOT born of experience): Then I am afraid we cannot be friends.—Scranton Cricket.

MR. BROWN: Well, Nellie, aren't you going to kiss me this evening? I'll not forget those caramels next time. You're my sweetheart, you know.

NELLE (aged six): No, I'm not your sweetheart. I saw you kissing cousin Maude yesterday. I wish you to know, Mr. Brown, that I'm a regular enfant terrible. I don't want any caramels; but if you don't take me to the theatre to-night you may expect some artless remarks from me at dinner.—Pick Me Up.

FUSSY OLD GENTLEMAN (to a chance traveling lady companion): Have you any children, madam?
"Yes, sir; a son."
"Ah, indeed! Does he smoke?"

"No, sir; he has never as much as touched a cigarette."

So much the better, madam; the use of tobacco is a pernicious t. Does he frequent the clubs?"

habit. Does he frequent the clubs?"

"He has never put his foot in one."

"Allow me to congratulate you. Does he come home late?"

"Never. He goes to bed directly after dinner."

"A model young man, madam, a model young man. How old is he?"

"Two months."—New York Sun.

BUNKO STEERER: Excuse me, sir, but isn't this Mr. William Green, of White Mound? Dodge is my name, and I remember meeting you one day last summer when I was up in Michigan—in Silas Brown's store under the postoffice. Glad to see you in New York. How's Silas?

MR. GREEN: How d'ye do, Mr. Dodge! Why in the dooce don't you fellers git some new direcktories? Silas was burnt out winter before last.—Lancaster Life.

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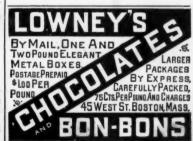
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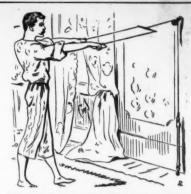
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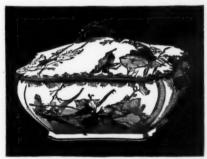
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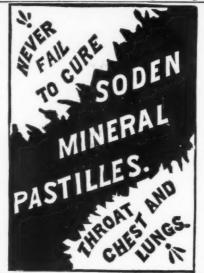
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